

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY OF CUDAHY,
HELD AT THE CUDAHY MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 5050 SOUTH LAKE DRIVE, CUDAHY, WI ON
Monday, October 26, 2009

ROLL CALL

The Meeting was called to order by Ald Mikolajczak at 6:30 P.M. with the following answering “present” to roll call: Ald Mikolajczak, Ald Otto, Mary Jo Lange, Willie Lohr, and Jack Puetz. Steve Vandervest. was absent & excused. Also present Lara Fritz.

Proper open meeting statement was made at this time.

The minutes of the September 28, 2009 meeting were approved. Motion made by Member Otto seconded by Lohr. All voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion & Appropriate Action regarding the request for the property owner of 6075 Elaine Avenue to relocate the street light pole for a new driveway entrance.

No Action was taken as the public works department foreman removed the pole without an order.

Discussion of DPW Operations budget and impacts to services.

DPW Director Lange informed the Board of the Draft approved public works budget and the operational changes that will need to be made to meet the budget. No action was taken as this was for information and discussion only.

Discussion & Appropriate Action regarding the request from Mr. Ken Kubisz to appeal his invoice for snow & ice removal on the sidewalks in front of his home.

Mr. Kubisz was present at the meeting to appeal the charge for the City to remove snow & ice on the sidewalk in front of his property this past winter. Question was asked of Mr. Kubisz by the Board and after some discussion Mr. Kubisz told the Board he will pay the charge. No action taken.

Update & Discussion regarding DPW worker suggestions relative to the recycling center and garbage/yard waste pick-ups.

DPW Director Lange provided the members with a spreadsheet of information from area communities regarding garbage and yard waste collection questions. Lange explained that more information will follow and no motion was needed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion & Appropriate Action regarding the request from People's Credit Union to construct a vestibule within the Barnard Ave. public right of way.

Mr. Peine, architect for People's Credit Union, made a presentation regarding the construction of a vestibule and encroachment of roughly 7.5' onto the City's Barnard Avenue right of way. Mr. Peine stated that the Vestibule was necessary because there is no protection from the wind and the cold to the occupants of offices directly near the Barnard Ave. doorway. The vestibule was intended as an air lock. Director Lange stated that she does not recommend approval of this encroachment because rights of way are there for utilities and public purposes. This vestibule will encroach on the public walkway forcing people walking on the sidewalk to have to walk around it. It also causes snow removal and safety concerns. Mr. Burckhardt of the People's Credit Union stated that they will remove the accumulated snow piles from their side of Barnard. Lange stated the even though an indemnification is signed by the property owner, the City is required to inspect the condition of anything placed in the right of way and cause such to be repaired. The City can still be sued and found negligent. Lange recommended the request be denied. Much discussion followed and a motion was made by Puetz, seconded by Lohr to allow the vestibule to encroach upon the right of way no more than 7.5' and that the property owner be responsible to haul away accumulated snow piles from the Barnard Ave. right of way.

Discussion & proposal regarding snow plowing and staffing for the 2010 snow season.

Lange informed the Board that she proposes to subcontract out plowing & ice control of the City's Municipal lots. The public works department will be understaffed by 3 people beginning January 1, 2010. Although the 2010 budget allows for two positions to be filled, the process will probably take several months to fill. In addition, funding of any new positions are being financed through the sewer funds and the Department will be structured a little differently. No Action taken. This was for information only.

Discussion & direction regarding the Recycling Collection & Disposal Contract

Lange informed the Board that the contract for recycling services will end December 31, 2009. The City can sign a 5-year extension with Waste Management or we can re-bid. Lange asked for some direction from the Board regarding this. Board members agreed that the contract should be bid out.

Project Updates

Lange gave the Board a brief summary of the status of the construction projects.

Motion to adjourn made by Puetz, seconded by Lohr.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m..

Joe Mikolajczak/s/

Chairman, Board of Public Works